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Minutes 03/18/2009

ARINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/18/09

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Commission on Disabilities member Barbara Cutler, Paulo Marinelli

MINUTES of 3/4/09 accepted as corrected. Unanimous

ART 54 COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES: Cutler requested an appropriation of \$10k to be used for updating ADA documents (\$1k), printing materials for Town Day (\$2k), travel to ADA events (\$1k), consulting (\$6k). In answers to questions she stated that Town departments are of limited assistance because they lack ADA knowledge; construction projects sometimes lack an ADA line item; did not know about possibility of annual appropriation, the commission has no other funding source; \$3k would be satisfactory; OK to include appropriation w/ other committees & commissions.

VOTED No action on ART 54 with a \$3k appropriation under ART 47. Unanimous. The comment under ART 54 will refer to ART 47.

ART 29 AGE LIMITS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RECRUITS: Marinelli requested support for home rule legislation to eliminate age limits for new officers. He has worked as a firefighter & knows officers who were older than 32 when they started who have served ably. He stated that many other towns have no age limits for new officers. He thinks the appeal to Town Meeting on an individual basis is unfair because it is available only to insiders. He stated that the physical condition of officers is similar to the condition of the general public. He doesn't know the positions of the Chiefs. Members expressed their concern about the likelihood of older officers getting hurt & retiring on disability after a short service. The committee will seek the input of the Chiefs before voting.

RECREATION Enterprise Fund (EF): Library/Human Services SubCom (Franclemont) provided a handout w/ a recommended revised budget. This EF is now running w/o a deficit. The director has turned it around. The book keeping is improved.

VOTED as recommended: Revenue \$600,500, Expenses \$597,132. Unanimous

RINK EF: Library/Human Services SubCom (Franclemont)) provided a handout w/ a recommended revised budget. She stated that the ice fees will increase to \$225/hr to include a capital cost. The Manager strongly supports this

increase.

VOTED as recommended: Revenue \$567,000, Expenses \$560,267. Unanimous.

BUD 22 H&HS VETERANS: Library/Human Services SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed in budget book noting that 75% of this expense is reimbursed by the state. She said that 50 vets are now receiving aid & costs are also increasing because of the increase in medical care costs.

VOTED \$326,568 Unanimous.

BUD 25 RESERVE FUND: The Chair recommended a \$50k increase to \$500k. He noted that budgets are tight and the reserve should be centralized. He suggested it remain at this level for a few years.

VOTED \$500,000 Unanimous.

BUD 23 RETIREMENT: Finances SubCom (Dunn) recommended a revised appropriation based on an 8% return as calculated by PERAC less offsets from Housing Authority, Enterprise Funds and Water & Sewer. Most of the pension funds have been transferred to PRIT. They have lost about \$46m or 32%. The CRB may skip an actuarial study this year and may slip the fully-funded target from 2019 closer to the present legal max of 2028. The state may also slip this date. There are 7 non-contributory retirees who are budgeted at \$136,431.

VOTED \$6,791,252 Unanimous.

BUD 16 ZBA: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed.

VOTED \$23,890 Unanimous.

BUD 15 REDEVELOPMENT BOARD GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. He discussed the balance sheets maintained by the Planning Dept for the on-budget buildings. The gross income from these buildings is projected to be \$720,507 with a net income after expenses including debt service of \$127,433. He also discussed the balance sheets for the off-budget buildings, Senior Center, 23 Maple St, Jefferson Cutter House. The net income from these buildings after expenses including debt service is \$29,347.

VOTED \$353,468 Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 4/6 Minuteman & Personnel Director

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$287,000

Peter B Howard 3/19/09 Revised 3/22/09, 4/6/09

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY ñ Articles

# 2/11	# 3/3	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
16	16		Marihuana Bylaw			Public Safety SubCom to inquire
27	27		After School Scholarship Fund	3/4		
28	28		Max Age for Appointment to Police & Fire			TM
29	29		Max Age For Police & Fire	3/18	3/18	Need input from Chiefs
30	30		Transfer Of McClennen Park			
31	31		Goodman Pension Time	2/11,3/2	3/2	No action
32	32		Govt Reorg Committee	2/11		Need cost est
33	33		Pay As You Throw	2/23		Tabled
34	XX		Library Copiers & Printers Fund			TM
35	XX		Parking Fund	2/18	2/18	No action

39	37		Collective Bargaining			TM
40	38		Future Collective Bargaining			TM
41	39		Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			TM
42	40		Positions Reclassification			
43	41		Budgets			
44	42		Capital Budget	2/18	2/18	8242949
45	43		Rescind authority to borrow	2/18	2/18	177472
46	44		Minuteman Tech			
47	45		Minutean Tech Stabilization Fund			
48	46		Celebrations			TM
49	47		Committees & Commissions	2/23,3/2 3/18	3/2, 3/18	All level funded except ARC tabled until EcoFest & Disabilities \$3k
50	48		Misc Appropriations			TM
51	49		Sewers			TM
52	50		Water			TM
53	51		Pension Adjustment	2/11	2/11	Support
55	53		Mead Road Improvements	3/2	3/4	No action Comment based on DPW memo
56	54		Disability Commission Appropriation	3/18	3/18	No action
57	55		Harry Barber Service Program	2/11	2/11	7500
58	56		Minuteman Senior Services	2/11	2/11	10145 9-4
59	57		Reevaluation	2/18	2/18	70000
60	58		Tax Exemptions	2/18	2/18	No action 14-1
61	59		Water Bodies	3/4	3/4	15000
62	60		Special Ed Reserve Account			Super
63	61		OPEB			TM
64	62		Tip Fee Stab Fund			
65	63		Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
66	64		Overlay Reserve			
67	65		Stabilization Fund			
68	66		Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom				
2	Board of Selectmen				

3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology				
6	Comptroller				
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				
13	Parking				
14	Planning				
15	Redevelopment Board	3/18	3/18	353,468	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	3/18	3/18	23,890	
17	Public Works				
17a	Street Lights				
18a	Community Safety Admin				
18b	Police				
18c	Fire				
18d	Support				
19	Inspections				
20	Education				
21	Library				
22a	Health & Human Services				
22b	Veterans	3/18	3/18	326,568	
22c	COA				
23	Retirement	3/18	3/18	6,791,252	
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund	3/18	3/18	500,000	
W&S EF					
Rec EF	Rev 600,500, Exp 597,132	3/18	3/18		
Rnk EF	Rev 567,000, Exp 560,267	3/18	3/18		
COA EF					
Youth EF					

